



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on May 13, 2015 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Peter Geiger; Vice Chair Martha Harris; William Beardsley; Alan Burton; Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; and Ande Smith

Excused: Nichi Farnham and Gwendolyn Viles

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Thomas Desjardin; Angel Martinez Loreda, Higher Education Specialist; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Vice Chair Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by Vice Chair, Martha Harris: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes as written.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### ***Construction Committee (Martha Harris):***

The Construction Committee did not meet on May 1, 2015.

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 500 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

#### ***Certification and Higher Education (Jane Sexton):***

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on April 28, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta.

Present: Nichi Farnham, Chair; Jana Lapoint; Jane Sexton; Bill Beardsley and Alan Burton (SBE Members) and Arthur Keenan from the DOE.

Nichi invited Malik McKinley from ETS (Educational Testing Services) to do a presentation at the June 17th Committee meeting. The Committee made a list of questions to send to Malik prior to the next meeting.

The four State Board members on the Committee then joined Martha Harris and Alan Burton to attend a focus group meeting on Proficiency Based Education.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

***Career and Technical Education (Alan Burton):***

The Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE) held a meeting on Friday, May 1, 2015, at the Department of Education in Augusta.

Present: Peter Geiger and Alan Burton (SBE Members)  
Meg Harvey and Donna Tiner from the DOE.

- The Committee reviewed the Carl D. Perkins Quarterly Report
- Reviewed the George M. Briggs grant application from MACTE for 30K (6 areas of focus)
  - Directors Tech Update
  - Maine CTE Conference
  - Student of the Year Celebration
  - Tech update support for teachers/instructors
  - ABC Craft Championships
  - ACTE National participation for Directors
    - Note: There is an additional 100K in interest available for the right purpose (must meet grant requirements)
- Continued talks with the Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) on a Combined Plan v/s a Unified Plan (MDOE wants a Unified Plan) – Combined Plans are being pushed by Federal DOE
- Cosmetology – DOE & DOL Commissioners continue talking (Post-Secondary schools are concerned they will lose revenue) – CTE's are prepared to connect with NH Post-Secondary institutions to gain certification for students in their programs
- Pilot CTE National Standards with Maine Learning Results (Envision 10 Documents around Career Clusters) – Intersections Work on May 7,8 (Bill Beardsley plans to attend)
- Following 5 LD's this legislative session – LD 374 Requiring directors, superintendents, and principals to spend 50 hours in the classroom (possible 25 hour compromise – would not affect CTE)

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2015. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

CONSIDERATION OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS FOR THE VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY APPLICATION SEEKING STATE BOARD AUTHORITY TO OFFER A THREE CREDIT RESIDENCY COURSE IN MAINE

**BACKGROUND:** A State Board of Education approved video conference meeting with representatives from Valparaiso University was conducted on March 11<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of reviewing the three credit residency component of their M.A. /M.Ed. in Humane Education in Maine to be offered in Maine.

The Master's programs in Humane Education consist of 33 credit hours and are delivered primarily online with the exception of the three-credit residency course offered in Maine at the Institute for Humane Education. Students complete a core set of 15 credits, the experiential component, credits toward thesis preparation and project, and electives.

The course offered in Maine is fully owned and administered by Valparaiso University within the current standing structure of university governance. The residency course in Maine falls under the supervision of a full-time program director at Valparaiso University in Indiana who reports to the Chair of the Education Department, a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences, with additional oversight afforded by the Dean of the Graduate School since the program had a graduate designation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education vote to grant authority to the Valparaiso University to offer a three credit residency course in Maine.

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Alan Burton, and voted six in favor with one member opposed (Jane Sexton) to grant authority to the Valparaiso University to offer a three credit residency course in Maine. Motion Carries.

#### RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL VISIT

**BACKGROUND:** A state program approval visit to the University of Maine at Fort Kent was conducted March 22 through 25, 2015 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator preparation programs: The Educational Studies Program has five educator preparation programs that lead to certification. The five programs are as follows:

- Elementary Education,
- Secondary Education Social Studies,
- Secondary Education Life Science,
- Secondary Education English/Language Arts, Modern and Classical Language, and Computer Technology.

Initial review and approval of the degree program in

- Secondary Education Mathematics.

Following the on-site visit, the Review Team's Report of Findings was prepared which includes commendations, program recommendations, and a recommendation for State program approval status. Attached is a copy of the University of Maine at Fort Kent Self-Study Report as well as a copy of the Review Team's Report of Findings.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education vote to receive the University of Maine at Fort Kent Review Team's Report of Findings. Consideration of this report will appear as an action agenda item for the Board's June 10, 2015 meeting.

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Ande Smith, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the University of Maine at Fort Kent Review Team's Report of Findings. Consideration of this report will appear as an action agenda item for the Board's June 10, 2015 meeting.

#### LD 129: AN ACT TO PROVIDE OPTIONS TO SCHOOLS FOR MAKING UP SCHOOL DAYS (EMERGENCY) PUBLIC LAW, CHAPTER 60

Whereas, last winter's weather conditions included blizzards and snowstorms that set records for the amount of snowfall in many regions of the State, which caused the

cancellation of a significant number of school days in many school administrative units due to dangerous road and travel conditions; and

Whereas, Department of Education Rule Chapter 125 provides that a school board may reschedule cancelled school days by conducting classes on the weekend, rescheduling or shortening scheduled vacation periods or postponing the scheduled closing date of the school year; and

Whereas, providing school administrative units with the additional option of adding make-up instructional time during existing school days would provide school boards with greater flexibility in determining how to meet the minimum school year calendar requirements; and

Whereas, because Rule Chapter 125 is a major substantive rule, changes to the rule require legislative review before the changes may be made; and

Whereas, the Legislature has the authority to direct the Department of Education to amend its rule to reflect legislative policy determinations; and

Whereas, the Department of Education and school boards need statutory and rule revisions for the acceptable methods established for rescheduling cancelled school days in order for school administrative units to have another option to meet the minimum school year calendar requirements for this school year; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

*Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to read:*

F. A school administrative unit operating under a plan approved by the commissioner may provide for a one-hour extension of the school day for up to 25 days in a school year. Notwithstanding the required number of school days under this subsection, 5 one-hour extensions may be counted as one additional school day. A school administrative unit may, with the approval of the commissioner pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with this subsection, implement extended days pursuant to this paragraph only for the purpose of making up school days missed due to weather or emergency closures.

Sec. 2. Amendment of rule. The Department of Education shall amend portions of Section 6 of its Rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units to provide that the acceptable methods of rescheduling school days cancelled due to weather or emergency closures may include a one-hour extension of the school day for up to 25 days in a school year and to provide that 5 one hour extensions may be counted as one additional school day.

Sec. 3. Expedited amendment process. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapters 2 and 2-A and any other law, the Department of Education shall adopt the amendments to Section 6 of its Rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units as provided in section 2 of this Act. The department shall file the amended rule with the Secretary of State as a final adopted rule within 7 business days of the effective date of this Act and the rule is effective upon filing. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine

technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Beginning July 1, 2015, any changes to Rule Chapter 125 are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

MOVED by Ande Smith, seconded by Jana Lapoint, and voted seven in favor with one member abstained (William Beardsley) to have Peter Geiger sign off on behalf of the State Board of Education, approving the Department of Education to amend portions of Section 6 of its Rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards – A Joint Rule of the Department of Education and the Maine State Board of Education. Motion Carries.

#### REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE MAINE CARL D. PERKINS GRANT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and technical education, §122 of the recently reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated “eligible agency” in each State, in Maine’s case, the State Board of Education to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. This plan was approved by the State Board on March 12, 2008. Further requirements are as follows:

“SEC. 121. STATE ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) ELIGIBLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of an eligible agency under this title shall include:

“(3) convening and meeting as an eligible agency (consistent with State law and procedure for the conduct of such meetings) at such time as the eligible agency determines necessary to carry out the eligible agency’s responsibilities under this title, but not less than 4 times annually;

The State Board Chair requested, in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 405, 7, that the Board receives a quarterly financial report from the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team and the Department of Financial and Administrative Services (DAFS). We would like to submit this report as the third quarter report for FY2015.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the second Quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015, with totals from July 1, 2014, of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L.109-270)

MOVED by Alan Burton, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the second Quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015, with totals from July 1, 2014, of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L.109-270)

#### REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GEORGE BRIGGS GRANT AWARD FOR FY16

The State Board of Education’s Career and Technical Education Committee recommends to the State Board of Education any and all pertinent materials so that the State Board may perform its duties, including its fiduciary responsibilities, as the agency responsible for the administration and oversight of the state career and technical education (CTE) program.

The committee oversees the George M. Briggs Award. It reviews proposals to make recommendations for the approval of programs to enhance career and technical education to the State Board of Education.

Recommendation: The State Board approve the Annual \$30,000 George Briggs grant for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 awarded to Maine Association of Career and Technical Education for support of secondary CTE in Maine.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton, and voted seven in favor with one member abstained (Alan Burton) to approve the Annual \$30,000 (six focus areas) George Briggs grant for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 awarded to Maine Association of Career and Technical Education for support of secondary CTE in Maine. Motion Carries.

#### APPROVAL OF THE REVISIONS TO THE STATE BOARD PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING TRANSFER APPEALS

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Jane Sexton and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Ande Smith) to strike the words “other than the lead,” in number four and approve the State Board Procedure for Handling Transfer Appeals as written. Motion Carries.

#### **OFFICER’S REPORTS:**

##### **Chair, Peter Geiger**

- He was invited and attended an event to hear about a greater Lewiston effort to impact all students during the summer months with a Summer Learning Program. Lewiston is working towards having a really good program to benefit all students.
- On May 2, he attended the Maine CTE Student of the Year Recognition at the Green Ladle in Lewiston. Senator Langley was the speaker and Peter helped him with presenting certificates to students and Peter also said a few words.
- Peter thanked Alan Burton for representing the State Board for the 2015 County Teacher of the Year Ceremony held at the Hall of Flags.
- He thanked Bill Beardsley for attending the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Intersections Conference at the Senator Inn on May 6 and 7.
- While traveling this month, he had an opportunity to visit a school in Haiti and one in the Dominican Republic.
- New Beginnings, a Lewiston based nonprofit serving homeless teens dedicated their new comprehensive facility at 134 College Street as “The Ann Geiger Center for New Beginnings”.
- Alyssa Wardwell’s graduation ceremony will be held on June 11, at 7:00 PM, at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. All Board members are invited to attend.
- Peter thanked Martha Harris for taking care of calls while he was away.

##### **Vice Chair, Martha Harris**

- On April 23, she and Alan attended an Eligible Access to Effective Teachers focus group meeting at Maple Hill Farm in Hallowell. This was the last of the four focus group meetings.
- On April 28, she attended the focus group meeting on Proficiency Based Education with five other Board members (Nichi Farnham, Jana Lapoint, Bill Beardsley, Jane Sexton and Alan Burton). She learned about LD 1370: “An Act to Improve the Quality of Teachers”.
- On May 1, she spoke with the DOE regarding LD 1370.
- On May 5, she attended Agenda Review and a Legislative Liaison Committee meeting.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

### **Alan Burton:**

- On April 16, he participated in a phone conference meeting on Adult Degree Attainment Partnership.
- On April 23, he participated in a Maine Department of Education (MDOE) Focus Group meeting of Higher Education and State Board of Education in the development of a plan to “Provide Equitable Access to Effective Teachers for all Students regardless of Race, Zip Code or Income”.
- On April 28, Alan attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- On April 28, he participated in the Department of Education’s Focus Group meeting on Long Range Planning for Proficiency Based Education.
- On May 1, he participated in the Career and Technical Education Subcommittee meeting.
- On May 5, Alan attended the Human Capital Management System (HCMS) School Climate Subgroup meeting at Bucksport High School.
- On May 5, he chaired the Downeast Construction Education Foundation (DCEF) meeting (Construction Industry).
- On May 7, he represented the State Board of Education at the 2015 County Teacher of the Year Ceremony at the Hall of Flags.
- On May 7, he was part of a four person selection committee to award annual Cianchette Brothers Scholarships.

### **Ande Smith:**

- Most of his efforts have been put towards Charter School Commission work that he reported out on during the morning workshop session.

### **Jana Lapoint:**

- On April 28, she attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- She attended the focus group meeting on Proficiency Based Education on April 28.
- She continues her work on the Charter School Commission.

### **Heidi Sampson:**

- She attended one of Ande Smith’s Charter School Commission events.

### **William Beardsley:**

- He will be the Board Observer this week for a three day team review for the College of the Atlantic.
- He attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting on April 28.
- On April 28, he attended a focus group meeting on Proficiency Based Education.
- He has been appointed by the Governor to serve on the STEM Council.

### **Jane Sexton:**

- On April 28, she attended the Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting.
- She attended the focus group meeting on Proficiency Based Education on April 28.
- She serves on the MEPRI (Maine Education Policy Research Institute) Steering Committee. Jane briefed the Board about the work of this committee.
- She visited Eastern Maine Community College, Central Maine Community College, Kennebec Valley Community College, and she is taking a class at the Brunswick campus.

## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Slate of Officers for Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2015 – 2016 Year

Jana Lapoint, Chair of the Nominations Committee presented the slate of names for chair and vice chair. Martha Harris was nominated to serve as chair and Alan Burton was nominated to serve as vice chair for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2015. The Board will vote at the July 10, 2015 meeting.

## **ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT**

Martha Harris and Bill Beardsley updated Board members on the upcoming retreat that will take place on Monday, August 10 and Tuesday, August 11, at the United Technologies Center (UTC) in Bangor.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The State Board of Education May 13, 2015 meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.